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SUBJECT: US-USSR S AND T AGREEMENT (01); PRESS-KIRILLIN
LETTER

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING PRESS LETTER TO KIRILLIN,
WITH COPY TO AYKAZYAN.

2. "JULY 13, 1978:

3. "V.A. KIRILLIN
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, USSR
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, CHAIRMAN,
STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

4. "DEAR CHAIRMAN KIRILLIN:

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5. "IT WAS WITH GREAT REGRET THAT WE FOUND IT NECESSARY
TO POSTPONE THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT
COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. THE
PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON THIS MATTER WAS PRECIPITATED BY
OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE TREATMENT OF DISSIDENTS IN YOUR
COUNTRY.

6. "THE PROGRAMS UNDER THE AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL TO BOTH SIDES AND, SO FAR, HAVE BEEN STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY OUR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMUNITIES. IT WOULD BE A PITY IF THIS SUPPORT WERE TO ERODE.

7. "IT IS OUR HOPE THAT CONDITIONS WILL SOON PERMIT OUR MEETING TO PLAN FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. I VALUE THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP YOU AND I HAVE ESTABLISHED, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE.

8. "YOURS SINCERELY, FRANK PRESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISER". CHRISTOPHER

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